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## TRUSTEES MEETING HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

### CITY TO RECEIVE UNUSED BALANCE OF MAINTENANCE TAX AND COUNTY ROAD TAX

The City Fathers of Torrance are working overtime in an endeavor to put the affairs of the city in shape and get the various departments to function. An adjourned meeting was held last Friday evening in the offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation which are to be used as their meeting place for the present. The following business was transacted:

Bills amounting to \$12.50 for badges and handcuffs for the City Marshal were ordered paid. Several applications for position as night watchman were received and referred to the Police, Fire and Light committee. The committee of the Chamber of Commerce which was appointed some time ago to audit the Maintenance Fund books made their report, which was referred to the finance committee. Trustee Fitzhugh reported that the seal design which was furnished by the L. A. Rubber Stamp Co. would be submitted at the next regular meeting.

City Engineer Postel was present and said there were various matters which should be attended to at once, so that maps and records could be gotten into shape and kept so. Also many other details which would require considerable time and stated that he would prefer to be placed on salary, the same to be governed somewhat by the number of different departments which the trustees decide to place under his supervision. No action was taken on this matter.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that he had conferred with the Dominguez Land Corporation regarding the services of Mr. Gascoigne as superintendent of maintenance and public improvements and stated that satisfactory arrangements could be made regarding the division of his salary between the Land Corporation and the City. Also that he had put in temporary repairs on Arlington Ave. which makes the street passable. His next effort will be to fix up Western Ave. to the City limits.

The matter of appointing a city electrician who could be called upon in case of emergency was discussed. No action was taken.

Motion by Trustee Smith that the concrete garage located near the fire station be rented and put into a habitable condition for a city jail. Carried. Rental to be \$2.50 a month, until a more suitable location can be obtained. City Recorder Pruitt's salary was fixed at \$25 a month.

The ordinance prepared by the City Attorney, fixing the salary of the City Marshal at \$150 per month was read and approved, same to be paid twice a month. The matter of a new contract for the street-lighting was discussed and it was stated that the So. Cal. Edison Co. would be glad to have one of their representatives confer with the city fathers at any time regarding the extension or changing of the present system.

It was thought advisable to have a police signal light established and several locations were discussed. The most logical being above the new Auditorium building.

Trustee Gilbert made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Smith that City Clerk Deininger be instructed to write the County Supervisors regarding the unexpended balance of the 1920 Road Fund which will be used on the city's streets and other necessary maintenance work.

Nothing was done regarding the salaries of the city clerk and treasurer. It looks as though the City Dads didn't think they needed money. Maybe they don't.

The spectators at the last meeting are wondering where the esteemed Trustee Stone was. Joe, explain yourself.

B. M. Anderson has been appointed night watchman of Torrance.

## ANOTHER COMPANY TO BE FORMED

A second holding company is being fostered by those who were unable to get in on the first company which bought thirty acres on Carson street at the turn in the road towards Redondo. A second thirty acres or more will be purchased by the new company across the street and will be held for the development of oil. Several were desirous to become a part of the first company, but the number of acres were limited to thirty, and eight or ten were disappointed. Anyone who is interested in this worthy venture should see R. J. Deininger of the Dominguez Land Corporation, who will explain the proposition in detail. The Santa Fe Oil Company hold a lease on 700 acres west of this tract and it is understood will operate extensively for oil on their leasehold.

## LIGHTNING BUGS SUPPLY LIGHT FOR LOCAL BOOSTER ON AUTO TRIP

(By CONNELL)

A number of members of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as "Charlie" Rahm, are wondering where Brother Casteel, Torrance's wide-awake publicity man, traveled to last week.

It is reported that our esteemed "Brother" took unto himself an automobile with a perfectly good intention of journeying to the distant city of Long Beach. That is as far as our reporter could report, authentically. However, the fact which Brother Casteel took unto himself was a "rattling" good car. Mostly rattle.

The rattling good car was seen to disappear down Arlington avenue a short distance in a cloud of dust. When the dust had subsided the floating car was seen to come to a sudden halt in the darkness. Even the lights on the car were dark. Dear readers, don't be misled. The lights were not turned out—they simply went out. And, to make matters worse, they would not light! Finally, after many unsuccessful attempts to get a light without striking matches, our friend decided to proceed without said lights; but the devil, or whoever guides the destinies of a publicity man, ordained otherwise, for try as he would, the faithless Shimmy refused to shake a rattle.

The next heard from the local merchant was from the city of Long Beach three hours later. It has been a matter of much discussion as to where Casteel went, or perhaps better, where he didn't go in the intervening hours.

When seen the next morning as he was limping into the bank, Mr. Casteel vowed that in the hereafter he would do his journeying in either a trusty Henry or on one of Mr. "P. E.'s" cars.

## WEEK-END CAMPING PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goudier, Mrs. R. J. Winters and son, John, and Mrs. L. C. Miller, all of Gramercy avenue, spent a most enjoyable week-end at Camp Baldy in one of the coolest cabins in the camp, "The Shimmy Inn." Sunday evening they enjoyed a sacred concert which was held in the open. Monday the guests from the camp were entertained for breakfast, and after dinner the happy party returned home with an anticipation to return again with a larger party to enjoy the mountain air and the warm hearthfire at "The Shimmy Inn."

## CHILDREN'S DAY

The Baptist Sunday school will hold their annual Children's and Promotion Day program at the church on Sunday morning. Services start at 10 o'clock. Everybody come and help us enjoy the children's program.

On June 19th will be Baraca Day Services. All young men are invited to join the Baraca Bible Class.

## B. M. ANDERSON NIGHTWATCH

Ed. Vorja, who for a number of years has been the nightwatchman for Torrance, resigned Tuesday. The vacancy was filled by the appointment of B. M. Anderson, who will be on duty more hours a day than has heretofore been given by a night watchman.

## COMING BACK SOON FROM OVERSEAS

### MR. AND MRS. C. N. TURNER WILL SOON ARRIVE IN TORRANCE FROM FRANCE

On Board the British Royal Mail Steamer Oriana.

May 7, 1921.

My dear Mr. Editor: We arrived in Liverpool from London on May 3rd and sailed from that port on the 5th. At our hotel in Liverpool we were informed that we could secure the leading American newspapers at the Cosmopolitan newspaper stand. I at once proceeded to find it, and, of course, inquired for the Torrance Enterprise. Imagine my disappointment when informed they had "just sold out." Took the next best, however, the Los Angeles Times of Sunday, April 10th. From it we learned the sun was still shining and the flowers blooming in that fairy land. That sounded particularly good to us after a week in England with its fog, dampness and gloom. The discomfort that was increased by the big coal strike they were having. Our ship secured only enough coal to reach La Rochelle-Pallice, on the French coast. We put in at this harbor for a supply after a rather stormy two days' voyage. Allow to say that Mrs. T. and myself were among the very few passengers on board that so far have not missed a meal.

We left Vintaxur, "Malson," on April 1st, and our five weeks' trip through the various European countries was most interesting and enjoyable, and one we shall never forget. We found in some places conditions were good and in others extremely bad. To the former belong Switzerland, Holland and Belgium; the latter France, Italy, Germany and England.

How order is ever to be restored out of the chaos and bewildering conditions that exist in some of these countries is a difficult problem. It seems that hatred, envy and militarism predominates over everything else. But we were particularly impressed with the fact that the people of every country we visited, including Germany, regard America as their friend. The courtesy and kind consideration we received wherever we went made us feel proud of our citizenship.

Our next stop will be Corunna, Spain, for a short visit, and from there we sail for Havana, Cuba. After leaving Havana we need for Panama. As we are not sailing on any definite schedule, it is impossible to say at what date we pass through the canal or when we will reach Los Angeles, but we hope in good season for cantaloupes, strawberries, spring chicken and the many other good eats for which Southern California is peculiarly noted.

Yours respectfully,  
CHARLES N. TURNER.

A farewell party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wayt and family, Tuesday evening, May 31, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Harris of Vista Highlands. The family is motoring to Southern Kansas, where they will spend the summer months with relatives and friends. The evening was enjoyed by the children as well as the grown-ups. Little Pearl Gilbert, Maxine and Elinor Broman, Frances Dean and Russell Harris, gave recitations and songs. Refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames W. H. Gilbert, B. F. Wayt, D. Mol, D. Dean, O. M. Davis, C. Broman; Misses Mamie, Edna and Mable Davis, Pauline Harris; Messrs. D. Mol, C. Broman, B. F. Wayt, W. Davis, Wm. C. Harris. The children: Maxine and Elinor Broman, Jimmie and Newell Wayt, Pearl, Murtain, Stanley and Frances Gilbert, Frances, Dean, Russell Harris, Buster Wayt.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rahm, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rahm, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Anderson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Oliver, Mrs. W. Robertson and I. H. Robertson formed an auto party last Friday night and drove to Huntington Beach and enjoyed an exciting evening fishing on the beach.

## BALL GAME SUNDAY AT ONE O'CLOCK

### NORTH TORRANCE MERCHANTS MATCHED AGAINST BUSINESS MEN ON SOUTH SIDE

Sam Levy, as captain of the Merchants of the North part of Torrance, has segregated his forces together and will match them against the prowess of the business men of the South side, who will be directed by Captain Romey Lee, when the two picked teams will play for the honors of the Industrial City. The losing side will buy a dinner for the winners and should the North side lose, the banquet will be served in the South part of town, and vice versa.

The battle to be waged will be interesting, even more so that if it were the "Fats" matched against the "Lenns." Captain Levy's battery: J. F. Anderson, L. V. Babcock; that of Capt. Lee: Romey Lee, B. Reeve. Riggs of the U. T. Co., umpire. The betting is even money.

## CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Rev. Otto Spreng, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., Rev. Geo. Streit, supt. A class and a welcome for you. The Beginners and Primary Departments in the basement, 10:45 a. m. morning preaching service. The annual conference recently held at Porterville appointed Rev. Otto Spreng to supply the pulpit until September 1. He will reach at the morning and evening services, 6:30 p. m., the Young People's Alliance. Subject: "Thy Kingdom Come—in The World." This is the monthly consecration service. All members are urged to be present. 7:30 p. m. evening service and sermon by the pastor. Wednesday 7:30 p. m. choir practice, Mrs. E. G. Briney, director. Thursday, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting. Robt. Spencer, class leader.

Tuesday, June 7, the Young People's Alliance Business and Social session will be held in the basement of the church. Members are urged to be present and enjoy this social evening of good live fun and refreshments.

## SHOWER FOR MISS DOLLEY

A delightful evening was enjoyed Thursday at the home of Mrs. G. Greaves of So. Andro and given by Mrs. Ross P. Van Voorhis assisted by her mother, Mrs. G. Greaves and Mrs. Richard R. Smith, when Dolley with a miscellaneous shower. The home was beautifully decorated with Cecil Bruner roses and ferns. Those present were: Mrs. W. E. Dolley, Miss Clara Barnette, Mrs. A. J. Stinton, Mrs. R. R. Smith, Miss Myrtle Isenhour, Mrs. Wm. Tolson, Miss Elsie Woodard, Mrs. G. A. Proctor, Miss Geraldine Waltz, Mrs. Elbert Harder, Miss Dorothy Dolley, Mrs. G. Greaves, and Mrs. Ross P. Van Voorhis. During the evening refreshments were served and games played, prizes being awarded to Mrs. A. J. Stinton, Mrs. R. R. Smith and Clara Barnette. The honoree received many beautiful presents.

## TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Various committee meetings of the city trustees have been held during the week to discuss ways and means of taking care of the various matters which need immediate attention. It takes a great deal of time to get the affairs of the city on a business basis and such praise is due all the Trustees, who, inexperienced as they are, are going along much faster than most cities the size of Torrance.

It makes no difference what time of day or night they are called upon to act in their official capacity; they always come up smiling.

## ROYAL NEIGHBORS MEETING

The regular meeting dates for the Royal Neighbors of America are the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month—the next regular meeting to be held Wednesday evening, June 8.

## PATRIOTISM PARAMOUNT

Torrance was represented last Monday in the parade of the Daughters of Veterans, when Mrs. Helen O'Leary joined the marchers in the streets of Los Angeles. Later patriotic services were attended at the Bible Institute and were very impressive. Mrs. O'Leary is a descendant from a lineage of a very patriotic family, her forefather having been one who signed the Declaration of Independence; her father, Herman O. Guild of Chicago, now 77 years of age, was a veteran in the Civil War in '61, and a member of the Twenty-first Division. At that time her mother was a high school girl and had the honor of presenting the flag to the Twenty-first, as they left for the front, later when the war was over the flag was presented to the donor, who became a bride at that time. At present Mr. Guild is a member of the Drum Corps of the U. S. Grant Post, Chicago. During the World War he acted as a drummer at the recruiting station at Sixty-third and Halsted streets, Chicago, and last Monday, it was learned, marched with the Veterans—and would have been deeply offended had he been asked to ride during the line of march.

## AMERICAN LEGION CLUB

The fund for a building for the American Legion Club house which is being taken up by popular subscription among the merchants and manufacturers of Torrance is progressing rapidly. More than half the amount necessary for the building has been subscribed. The more money subscribed will mean a better building as every cent which is collected will be put into the hall. Commander Post wishes the people of Torrance to know that while the building is primarily for the Legion, it will give Torrance a meeting hall where concerts and other gatherings may be held and those who care to donate to the fund should get in touch with either Adjutant Babcock or Fred Palmer. Much credit for raising the money goes to Mr. Babcock and Mr. Palmer, the finance committee, who have been untiring in their efforts to reach everyone.

## PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The regular meeting of the P-T A. will be held June 16 at the school house at 2:30. There will be a social afternoon and the new officers will take their places.

This meeting should have been held June 8, but was postponed on account of the Union Tool Picnic. Chief of Police Ben Olsen is on the job and has an eye out for speeders in front of the school house. He says that 50 per cent of the machines drive on the left side of the street, making it exceedingly dangerous for school children. The Auto Club signs are not having the desired effect and it seems the only way to eliminate the danger is to partially close the street with a curb. This would stop fast driving—yet it would still be a public thoroughfare.

## WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

The Women's Club of Torrance will hold their next regular meeting at Steffen Hall, Monday, June 6. Mrs. H. F. Rees is in charge of program. Mrs. Hubbard Plumer of the McKinley Inn, "an artistic interior decorator," will assist in the entertainment. A large attendance is requested and a cordial invitation is given the ladies of Torrance and vicinity to come—at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bourdon of Huntington Park were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ainsworth of So. Andro, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins, Mrs. R. B. Roll and daughter Pearl, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tomkins, Miss Sarabelle Tomkins, picnicked at Redondo Beach, Monday. A fine catch of mackerel was made.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. D. Alken, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark motored to Idlewild Canyon Decoration Day.

## U. T. EMPLOYEES TO HAVE PICNIC

### EAGLE ROCK PARK CHOSEN FOR SCENE OF FESTIVITIES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Wednesday, June 8, the Union Tool Company plant will be closed, its employees, their families and friends making a pilgrimage to Eagle Rock Park, where they will dissipate themselves in a good old-fashioned way in competing with each other in the contests which are scheduled in a revival of the company's annual picnic.

There will be races of all kinds. The fat men will be there. The ladies will drive nails for prizes. The children will run, skip, and jump. The tug o' war teams will pull with all their might. Almost everyone has at some time attended an affair of this kind and everyone has enjoyed every minute, so it is not our intention to elaborate to any extent on the program which has been arranged.

There will be music and dancing. The company band has arranged a fine program, jazzy from start to finish. An orchestra will furnish the music for dancing and all are assured a good time. Several vocal pieces will be rendered by shop talent.

George Proctor has promised to not compete in the fat men's race, which leaves other individuals of generous proportions a fine chance to win a prize. Joe Stone, for instance, is now qualified to enter this event, as is Mr. Waters and Harry Double. We are betting on Mr. Waters.

The committee in charge of refreshments has prepared a menu that will tempt any palate, and the delicious viands will be available from start to finish. Pink lemonade—not the circus variety—will be in evidence on every hand.

Our colored brethren have arranged to sing some of those good old Dixie melodies. Also they have promised a cake-walk which will be a prize-winner. These events will be worth going many miles to see, between local contestants and out. There will be several boxing matches side talent.

All roads and street car lines will lead to Eagle Rock Park on June 8.

## RECEPTION AND SHOWER

Frank Steinhilber and his bride-to-be, Miss Marjorie Chuning of Venice will be the honor guests at a reception and shower in Steffen Hall Tuesday evening, May 31. Members of the Macabees were the hosts and planned the affair as a surprise. Mr. Steinhilber and Miss Chuning were enticed to go to Steffen Hall to attend a "food sale," and upon arriving saw a row of tables laden with delicacies, but even then did not suspect the motive. The ladies came marching in, when the two guests thought it was a "regular" march, but when they saw a large clothes basket filled with presents—then they knew. A special program had been prepared by Mrs. Lavan, Mrs. H. F. Rees, Mrs. E. N. Tomkins, Miss Virginia Watson, Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, Mrs. W. H. Robertson and Frank Steinhilber gave a reading and thanked the ladies very kindly for their efforts for arranging so pleasant an evening for them. The hall was beautifully decorated with roses and fern, and at a late hour refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hannebrink and children Mr. and Mrs. E. King and sons, Mr. and Mrs. E. McCormick motored to Imperial valley, Saturday on a camping trip and did not return until Tuesday. They camped near San Diego the first night and drove over the mountains from there into the valley, stopped at Brawley and Came Springs. The immigration officers held them up on the desert and searched for "hootch" and "Chinamen." They came through Indian Wells, Palm Springs and north out of the valley and encountered some very bad roads on account of detours. They saw thousands of acres of garden truck growing, especially of onions and cantaloupes. Onions were given away, but no melons were to be had as they were being shipped out.